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- 1. EMBASSY MOST DISAPPOINTED BY NEWS OF PLAN TO DISCONTINUE MALI PARTICIPATION FY76-80 BILATERAL MAP FUNDING. THIS REGRETTABLE DEVELOPMENT COMES AT MOMENT WHEN GOM AND PARTICULARLY MOD ARE TURNING AWAY FROM BLOC COUNTRIES AND TOWARD U.S. FOR MILITARY, ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
- 2. PAST LEVEL PARTICIPATION DUE MAINLY CANDIDATES POOR ENGLISH. AWARENESS OF PROBLEM FINALLY LED GOM TO DEMONSTRATE SINCERE DESIRE PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY MAP PROGRAMS PER REFTEL.
- 3. WE BELIEVE EXCELLENT WORKING RELATIONS ACHIEVED DURING DROUGHT EMERGENCY MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY DECISION RETRACT U.S. GRANT-AID MILITARY TRAINING ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY VALUES HIGHLY SUCH TRAINING AS MEANS KEEP CHANNELS OPEN. PRESENCE OF THREE U.S.-TRAINED MALIAN OFFICES IN MILITARY COMMITTEE NATIONAL LIBERATION SUFFICIENT REMINDER THAT CRITICAL QUESTION NOT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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LEVEL OF PAST PARTICIPATION BUT THE FUTURE IMPACT OF TRAINING

PROGRAMS ON OUR BILATERLA RELATIONS, MILITARY WILL BE AROUND FOR SOME TIME. ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION OF PROGRAMS WOULD ALSO DECREASE EMBASSY ABILITY INFLUENCE PRESENT AND FUTURE GOVT. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN RETAINING PRESENT PROGRAM LEVEL. MCGUIRE

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